



Norfolk County Council
Minutes of the Meeting Held at 10am on
Tuesday 7 May 2024

Present:

ADAMS Tony	KIRK Julian
ANNISON Carl	MACKIE Ian
AQUARONE Steffan	MASON BILLIG Kay
ASKEW Stephen	MAXFIELD Ed
BAMBRIDGE Lesley	MORPHEW Steve
BENSLY James	NEALE Paul
BILLS David	NUNN William
BIRMINGHAM Alison	OSBORN Jamie
BLUNDELL Sharon	PECK Greg
BORRETT Bill	PENFOLD Saul
BROCIEK-COULTON Julie	PLANT Graham
CARPENTER Graham	PROCTOR Andrew
CARPENTER Penny	REILLY Matt
CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH Michael	RICHMOND Will
CLANCY Stuart	RILEY Steve
COLWELL Rob	ROPER Daniel
CONNOLLY Ed	ROWETT Catherine
CROFTS John	RUMSBY Chrissie
DALBY Michael	SANDS Mike
DARK Stuart	SAVAGE Robert
DAWSON Chris	SAYERS David
DEWSBURY Margaret	SHIRES Lucy
DIXON Nigel	SMITH Carl
DUIGAN Phillip	SMITH-CLARE Mike
EAGLE Fabian	STONE Barry
ELMER Daniel	STOREY Martin
FISHER John	THOMAS Alison
FITZPATRICK Tom	THOMSON Vic
GRANT Andy	VARDY Eric
GURNEY Shelagh	VINCENT Karen
JAMES Jane	WALKER Collen
JAMIESON Andrew	WATKINS Brian
JERMY Terry	WHYMARK Fran
JONES Brenda	WHITE Tony
KIDDIE Keith	

Present: 69

1. Apologies

- 1.1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Ward, Cllr Jim Moriarty, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Cllr Richard Price, Cllr Lana Hempsall, Cllr Tim Adams, Cllr Emma Corlett, Cllr Maxine Webb, Cllr Brian Long, Cllr Martin Wilby, Cllr Judy Oliver, Cllr Rhodri Oliver, Cllr Claire Bowes, Cllr Ben Price, and Cllr Alexandra Kemp

2. Election of Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year

- 2.1 Cllr Penny Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Graham Carpenter, moved that Cllr Stuart Dark be elected Chair of Norfolk County Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.
- 2.2 There being no other nominations, Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Stuart Dark be elected Chair of Norfolk County Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year
- 2.3 Cllr Stuart Dark, having made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, thanked Council for the honour and privilege conferred upon him and then formally took the Chair's position on the platform.

3. Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 26 March 2024 were approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

4. Election of Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year

- 4.1 Cllr Graham Plant, seconded by Cllr Eric Vardy, moved that Cllr Tom FitzPatrick be elected Vice-Chair of Norfolk County Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.
- 4.2 There being no other nominations, Council **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tom FitzPatrick be elected Vice-Chair of Norfolk County Council for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.
- 4.3 Cllr Tom FitzPatrick, having made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, thanked Council for the honour and privilege conferred upon him and then formally moved to the platform to take the Vice-Chair position.

5. Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Chair

- 5.1 The Chair thanked Cllr Barry Stone for his work and efforts during his tenure of Chair, as he had been a true ambassador for Norfolk during the 2023/24 Municipal Year.
- 5.2 Cllr Kay Mason Billig, Leader of the Council, Cllr Andrew Proctor on behalf of the Conservative Group, Cllr Brian Watkins, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Cllr Steve Morphew, Leader of the Labour Group, Cllr Jamie Osborn, Deputy Leader of the Green Group, and Cllr Ed Maxfield, Leader of the Independent Group each proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair, Cllr Barry Stone.
- 5.3 Council **RESOLVED** on a show of hands to place on record its thanks to Cllr Barry Stone for his time and work as Chair of Norfolk County Council during the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

- 5.4 Cllr Stone stated it was a great honour and privilege to be Chair for the county of Norfolk. The role required a heavy commitment given the large number of public events, which involved travelling the length and breadth of Norfolk while visiting various communities and places. The Chair expressed gratitude to organisations and groups for their warm welcome and helpful advice given during his tenure.
- 5.5 Cllr Stone stated that the highlight of his year was visiting various military bases in East Anglia, including RAF Lakenheath, RAF Marham and Robertson Barracks, commenting that it was clear Norfolk was a safe county given the preparedness of the military forces. Cllr Stone thanked everyone involved with the visits for the warmth and kindness shown to him and his wife Margaret.
- 5.6 Cllr Stone remarked that he had attended a number of religious ceremonies during the year, many of which were moving. Cllr Stone highlighted a ceremony he attended earlier in 2024 to commemorate 80 years since the beginning of the Battle of Kohima, which marked the turning point for the Allied forces against Imperial Japan in WW2.
- 5.7 Cllr Stone recently attended a citizenship ceremony, where he was pleased to welcome and present newly naturalised British citizens with their citizenship certificates.
- 5.8 Cllr Stone placed on records thanks to the Democratic Services team, Executive Support team, and his driver Tony Kidd for all their help and assistance during his year as Chair. Additionally, Cllr Stone thanked Council for electing him as Chair of Norfolk County Council for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

6. Announcements from the Chair and Leader of the Council

- 6.1 The Chair reminded Councillors that meetings of the Council would not normally extend beyond 3 hours unless this was extended in accordance with rule 11. 1 (n) of the Council Procedure Rules, however it was his intention to enact rule 4 (v) and rule 4 (vi) of the constitution once the meeting period had elapsed if any business remained. The practical application of this would be that the meeting continued on a vote only basis.
- 6.2 The Chair also stated he intended to adjourn the meeting after about 2 hours for a short comfort break.
- 6.3 The Chair outlined his theme for the year ahead, which was to celebrate volunteers and support and promote the voluntary sector in Norfolk.
- 6.4 The Leader stated she had recently met a delegation from the Normandy region of France, including the French senator Catherine Morin-Desailly, towards forming mutual links between Normandy and Norfolk. In addition, a potential celebration of the 1,000th birthday of William the Conqueror was mooted for 2027. The Leader stated a large section of Norfolk's population had Norman ancestry and that she looked forward to welcoming the Normandy delegation again in the summer to the opening ceremony of Norwich Castle.

- 6.5 The Leader outlined the five-year Memorandum of Understanding which had been signed between Norfolk County Council and the Lviv region of Ukraine. It had been hoped that the Leader could travel to the city of Lviv; however due to security concerns the ceremonial signing took place at the Ukrainian Embassy in London at the end of April. The Leader stated that Norfolk had much in common with the Lviv region and it was hoped that trade links could be developed in the coming years.
- 6.6 The Leader recently held a meeting with Dr Nik Johnson, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The meeting included delegates from the High Commission and Consul of South Africa, to see if mutually beneficial trade links between the East of England and South Africa could be developed.
- 6.7 The Leader recounted a recent visit from Dame Andrea Leadsom MP, who visited Norfolk in her capacity as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Start for Life and Primary Care to examine the work being undertaken by Children's Services and the University of East Anglia (UEA). The Leader stated she had recently written to the right honourable lady to lobby towards a new dental school to be established in Norfolk, in the hopes that dentistry skills could be brought to the county.

7. Items of Urgent Business

- 7.1 There were no items of urgent business.

8. Declarations of Interest

- 8.1 There were no declarations of interest.

9. Notification of Members to the Cabinet and their intended Portfolio of Responsibilities

- 9.1 The Leader notified Council that Cllr James Bensly had been appointed to the position of Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, replacing Cllr Eric Vardy. The Leader paid tribute to Cllr Vardy and thanked him for all his work during his tenure in the role.
- 9.2 The Leader notified Council that Cllr Chris Dawson had been appointed as Deputy Cabinet Member (Transport and Environment), replacing Cllr Lana Hemsall.
- 9.3 The list of Cabinet Members and their portfolio of responsibilities for the 2024/25 Municipal Year was confirmed as follows:
- Cllr Kay Mason Billig – Cabinet Member for Strategy and Transformation
 - Cllr Andrew Jamieson – Cabinet Member for Finance
 - Cllr James Bensly – Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste
 - Cllr Bill Borrett – Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
 - Cllr Penny Carpenter – Cabinet Member for Children's Services
 - Cllr Margaret Dewsbury – Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnerships
 - Cllr Fabian Eagle – Cabinet Member for Economic Growth
 - Cllr Jane James – Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Innovation
 - Cllr Graham Plant – Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport
 - Cllr Alison Thomas – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

The Deputy Cabinet Members were confirmed as follows:

- Cllr Chris Dawson – Deputy Cabinet Member (Transport and Environment)
- Cllr Shelagh Gurney – Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
- Cllr Greg Peck – Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance
- Cllr Karen Vincent – Deputy Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

10. Appointment of Committees, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees, and appointments to outside bodies for the 2024/25 Municipal Year

10.1 Cllr Kay Mason Billig, seconded by Cllr Andrew Jamieson, moved the recommendations contained in the report.

10.2 Council **RESOLVED** the following on a show of hands:

1. To **APPOINT** to the Council’s Committees as outlined at appendix A of the report.
2. To **APPOINT** Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees specified in paragraph 1.1 of the report.
3. To **APPOINT** to the outside bodies outlined in appendix A of the report.

11. Specific Business Items

11.1 Adult Social Services Promoting Independence Five Year Strategy

11.1.1 Cllr Alison Thomas, seconded by Cllr Andrew Jamieson, moved the recommendation contained in the report.

11.1.2 Following a debate, the recommendation was put to a vote. With 68 votes for, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the recommendation was **CARRIED** (Appendix A).

11.1.3 Council **RESOLVED** that Norfolk County Council **ADOPT** the refreshed Promoting Independence Adult Social Services Five Year Strategy for Adult Social Care as part of the Policy Framework.

12. Notice of Motions

12.1 Motion 1 – A New Dental School for Norfolk

12.1.1 This motion was proposed by Cllr Fran Whymark and seconded by Cllr Bill Borrett:

The number of dentists with NHS activity in Norfolk has declined significantly in the last ten years and access to NHS dentistry services for our residents continues to be a high concern for our County.

The recently announced Government plan for dentistry will make dental services faster by supporting dentists to take on new patients and provide incentives to serve under-served areas; making it simpler for patients, by tackling bureaucracy and ensuring dental staff have more time to see patients, and fairer, particularly for our rural and coastal communities, by introducing dental vans to bring care to our most isolated communities. However, more needs to be done.

The Dental Recovery Plan includes the opportunity for new dental schools in England to help secure the future supply of dentists and dental practitioners the residents of Norfolk greatly need. As we recognise the enormous benefits that such a facility could bring to Norfolk, in terms of providing both training for dental professionals and much needed dentistry services to the local population, this Council joins the University of East Anglia in its desire to establish a dental school in the County.

This Council asks the Leader to lobby the Government, following our discussions with Andrea Leadsom MP on her recent visit to our County, to help secure this facility, highlighting the benefits of this for our County and the region.

12.1.2 Following a debate, the motion was put to a vote. With 67 votes for, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **CARRIED** (Appendix B).

12.2 **Motion 2 – National Body for SEND**

12.2.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr John Crofts and seconded by Cllr David Sayers:

Special educational needs and disabilities provision (SEND) is facing a crisis, not just in East Anglia, but nationally. Parents of children with SEND face a postcode lottery when attempting to secure the provision required for their children to attain their full educational potential.

Nationally, local authorities are playing catch up to achieve the statutory 20-week turnover for EHCPs. Latest figures in 2022 showed that only 49.2% of children received their plans within 20 weeks of assessment, this is leading to children with SEND and their families being systematically failed and having their life chances stymied.

Locally, Norfolk's SEND service is facing its own crisis with this council disclosing to the DfE that their plans to improve the service were 'off track' and were likely to incur a large financial deficit. The funding this council is due to receive as part of the Local First Inclusion Programme is welcome, and we recognise the commendable efforts of officers in Children's Services who work tirelessly to improve the service.

However, we cannot carry on business as usual, urgent intervention on a national scale is a necessity to ensure that not only Norfolk's SEND service is able to keep up with growing demand, but that nationally the whole service is able to provide the facilities and resources that children with SEND deserve.

The Liberal Democrats are calling for a new 'National Body for SEND' to help tackle the postcode lottery of SEND provision. The body would oversee SEND funding on a national scale to ensure it is spent as effectively as possible and to identify best practice.

This council:

1. Supports calls for a 'National Body for SEND' to assist in diagnosing and remedying issues within SEND provision on a national scale.
2. Requests the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to write to the Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing in support of a 'National Body for SEND'.

12.2.2 Cllr Julie Brociek-Coulton, seconded by Cllr Chrissie Rumsby, moved the following amendment to the motion:

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2. Requests the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to write to the Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing in support of a 'National Body for SEND'.

3. Requests Cabinet initiate work to develop the old Angel Road Junior School site as a much needed SEND school ready for the return of the lease from Evolution Trust in order to minimise delay in adding much needed capacity to meet the demand for SEND provision.

- 12.2.3 Cllr John Crofts, the proposer of the original motion, did not accept the amendment and a debate began on the amendment.
- 12.2.4 Following the debate, the amendment was put to a vote. With 10 votes for, 49 votes against and 5 abstentions, the amendment was **LOST** (Appendix C).
- 12.2.5 The substantive motion was put to a vote. With 22 votes for, 46 votes against and 0 abstentions, the substantive motion was **LOST** (Appendix D).
- 12.3 Council rose for lunch between 12:05 to 12:35
- 12.4 **Motion 3 – Malnutrition: Time to Act**
- 12.4.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Mike Smith-Clare and seconded by Cllr Mike Sands:

The World Health Organisation recognises malnutrition, in all its forms, including undernutrition (wasting, stunting, underweight), inadequate vitamins or minerals, overweight, obesity, and resulting diet-related noncommunicable diseases. The developmental, economic, social, and medical impacts of malnutrition are serious and lasting, for individuals and their families, for communities and for countries. The seriousness of this issue is reflected in Goal 2 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, 'End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture.'

Malnutrition is usually associated with low and middle income countries and would not be expected in prosperous countries like the UK and counties like Norfolk. Council is concerned to discover the level of malnutrition in the county as evidenced by a report published in October 2023 by Future Health, 'Tackling malnutrition as part of the prevention agenda,' and the impact reported in the media.

The impact on the lives of young people and the quality of life of older people cannot be ignored. Malnutrition will not only have significant social and economic impacts, but the health impacts also have a huge financial cost that is already apparent, as 20% of the Norfolk and Waveney ICB budget is being spent on the consequences of malnutrition according to the Future Health report.

Council recognises this is a complex issue exacerbated by austerity and the cost-of-living crisis. Whilst there needs to be a long-term policy to tackle malnutrition involving many agencies it is clear short term interventions are imperative and that the current assistance being made available is not enough to prevent malnutrition with a consequential knock on impact on health and social care.

Council further notes the statement by the cabinet member for Public Health and Wellbeing to the last cabinet meeting that relied on limited data related to admissions to hospital related to malnutrition that gives a less than complete analysis and cannot be relied on.

Taken alongside the Future Health report, 'Hiding in Plain Sight,' the Malnutrition briefing for Members is further evidence that Norfolk County Council and its partners in health can do more to mitigate the impact of malnutrition on our residents.

Both the briefing and the report draw on NHS data showing diagnoses of five conditions which represent severe malnutrition¹. While these numbers are in line with national trends, the four trusts that have reported data shows that malnutrition diagnoses have almost tripled since 2009/10 which is clearly a concerning underlying trend to address. The data does not include any diagnoses from Norfolk and Suffolk Mental Health Trust and data is missing or omitted for other trusts.

This data flags up two issues that must be considered. The inconsistency in data collection across Norfolk and Waveney Trusts and the overall increase in severe malnutrition diagnoses.

Recent analysis conducted by the Guardian newspaper in December 2023² gives further weight to the urgent need to address the effect of malnutrition on Norfolk's residents and health and social care systems. Considering the wider impact of malnutrition by analysing twenty five diagnoses relating to malnutrition and nutrient deficiencies, the newspaper found a threefold increase in national diagnoses from 293,686 in 2013/14 to 824,519 in 2022/23. NHS data once again shows that the approach to malnutrition needs to be taken seriously in local government and health.

The Member briefing based on the cabinet member's statement does not address the estimates used in the Future Health report relating to the prevalence of malnutrition in social care settings and provides no data or evidence to counter the assertions made.

Taking together the lack of evidence of malnutrition rates in social care settings and the limited data used in relation to hospital diagnoses, the briefing fails to provide an assessment of the actual rates of malnutrition in Norfolk and Waveney. There is evidence of worrying trends of increasing levels of malnutrition and nutrition deficiency related illness which needs to be acknowledged, researched effectively, and presented to Members for further consideration.

Council therefore:

1. Requests Cabinet to recognise malnutrition as a serious public health issue and to bring to Council no later than October 2024 a policy for inclusion as a 'vital sign' measure in our performance framework setting out how Council can, with partners and in support of the public health policy 'Ready to Change, Ready to Act,' set and meet targets for the elimination of poverty related malnutrition.
2. Welcomes the People and Communities Select Committee's commitment to exploring malnutrition as part of their work programme to ensure there is a long term focus on sufficient and suitable nutrition for all Norfolk residents of all ages.
3. Welcomes HOSC's commitment to explore malnutrition at its July 2024 meeting, acknowledges the comments from the ICB representative that malnutrition is a public health issue to which HOSC can positively contribute and agrees to incorporate HOSC's recommendations within the new policy.
4. Requests the Cabinet agrees to increase support for the work done by community and voluntary organisations in providing short term support for those experiencing food and fuel poverty both as a social good and in order to prevent consequential higher costs.
5. Asks the Cabinet to request officers to identify and quantify potential safeguarding concerns that arise from malnutrition.

12.4.2 During the debate, Cllr Bill Borrett made two points of information to clarify statistics provided in his response to the motion.

12.4.3 Following a debate, the motion was put to a vote. With 18 votes for, 36 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **LOST** (Appendix E).

12.5 **Motion 4 – Proactive Safe Speeds Policy for Norfolk**

12.5.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Catherine Rowett and seconded by Cllr Paul Neale:

Norfolk has hundreds of small villages and rural parishes whose residents are keen to have safer speed limits in their residential areas and on stretches of narrow winding roads where they walk their dogs, ride their horses, and take their children to school by bicycle. Many tiny narrow winding single track roads currently have a nominal speed limit of 60mph, yet travelling at such a speed would be beyond foolhardy and the average vehicle speed adopted by careful drivers is significantly lower. Ten times as many people die on rural roads as on motorways. Yet still footfall is significantly reduced because walkers and cyclists fear the inconsiderate driving of a small number of motorists who take the speed limit as a recommended speed. Cyclists are almost three times more likely to be killed on a rural road as on an urban one.

The Norfolk Speed Management Strategy currently takes a reactive approach to proving that a reduced speed limit, or other safety measures, are required. For any other health and safety legislation it is normal to take a proactive approach, and not to wait until serious accidents happen before deciding that they need to be prevented.

There is also now abundant evidence that in built up areas a 20mph limit is safer than 30mph limits, and on rural roads reductions in speed limits have direct benefits in reducing accidents and reducing the severity of accidents. In particular speeds below 30 mph are hugely beneficial, as a proactive way to reduce injuries, fatalities, and the cost of motoring accidents in terms of health, damage, and loss of working hours, all of which are costly to the local economy and to people's lives and livelihoods.

Council notes:

that, in many rural areas of Norfolk, reductions in the speed limits would be safer for all road users and better for the local environment and economy.

Council resolves to ask Cabinet to:

1. Take action to make it easier for communities to seek and obtain a lower speed limit if they wish to have one;
2. Set up a cross-party working group to review the Norfolk Speed Management Strategy with a view to adopting a new proactive approach to speed management. The Working group to report back with a revised Speed Management Strategy for cabinet approval as soon as is feasible, with a review of progress to be scheduled within 6 months from this resolution;
3. Issue a county-wide call for requests for lower speed limits from rural parishes once the new strategy is in place, with a view to implementing such requests together en bloc, thereby reducing the costs associated with processing TRO applications one by one;
4. Adopt a default assumption that speed limits are treated as recommendations to drivers on how fast to drive, and should therefore match the maximum safe speed for that stretch of road;
5. Identify and promote other measures, such as driver education and enforcement, to restore confidence among residents that the Council takes their concerns seriously, and to ensure that country lanes are made safe for walking, wheeling, and cycling.

12.5.2 Following a debate, the motion was put to a vote. With 16 votes for, 37 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **LOST** (Appendix F).

12.6 **Three Hour Meeting Time Elapses**

The Chair announced the three hours allocated for the meeting had elapsed.

- 12.6.1 As a result of the three-hour meeting period having elapsed, Council Members agreed to move to the part of the meeting where all remaining business relating to motions or amendments to motions would be considered, moved, and seconded in line with procedure rule 4 (iv).
- 12.6.2 The Chair confirmed he would deal with each motion in turn. Initially he would ask the proposer of the motion if they wanted the motion to go ahead or be withdrawn. If the motion was withdrawn, the Council would continue through the motions in the order they appeared on the agenda, which was by reference to the size of the group. If the motion was not withdrawn, the Chair would consider if there were amendments. If amendments had been submitted, then the Council would vote on those first and then, when those were completed, a vote would be taken on the substantive motion. This was proposed by Cllr Steve Morphew, seconded by Cllr Jamieson, and **CARRIED** on a show of hands.
- 12.7 **Motion 5 – West Winch Growth Area and Sustainability**
- 12.7.1 This motion was **WITHDRAWN**.
- 12.8 **Motion 6 – Armed Forces Recognition**
- 12.8.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Keith Kiddie and seconded by Cllr Michael Chenery of Horsburgh:
- In advance of Armed Forces Day on 29th June Norfolk County Council is proud to reaffirm our support for our Armed Forces communities and military bases across our county. In these times of global instability and conflict Norfolk County Council would like to pay special tribute and thank all those who have served, or continue to serve, in our military communities.
- Furthermore, this Council extends its gratitude to our allies from the United States of America stationed at U.S. Air Force bases across East Anglia. This Council will endeavour to uphold our long tradition of military presence in Norfolk and the communities which surround and support it.
- Norfolk Council has committed to supporting Armed Forces personnel past and present by signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant. By doing so, this Council acknowledges and understands that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, along with their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives. In light of this this Council supports the recent Government pledge to boost Defence spending to at least 2.5% of Gross Domestic Product.
- Alongside this, those who have served, whether regular or reserve, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services, with special consideration for those who have given the most such as those injured or bereaved.
- This Council pledges to maintaining its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.
- 12.8.2 The motion was put to a vote. With 50 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention, the motion was **CARRIED** (Appendix G).

12.9 **Motion 7 – Experiential Tourism**

12.9.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Brian Watkins and seconded by Cllr David Sayers:

Tourism is an essential component of Norfolk's economy; it supports approximately 54,000 jobs and adds £3bn to the local economy each year. This Council demonstrated its recognition of the importance of tourism in September last year where upon it was decided the industry would receive a £100,000 annual boost with the end goal to become an accredited Local Visitor Economy Partnership alongside Suffolk. Although welcome, more can be done, and a joint-up strategic approach to tourism in Norfolk is needed.

Between September 2019 and June 2023, Norfolk County Council was the lead partner of a project funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the Interreg France (Channel) England Programme. EXPERIENCE was a project aimed to attract visitors in the off-peak season through a new 'experiential tourism' approach. Such tourism, especially since the pandemic, has become increasingly popular as visitors prefer a more authentic and intimate form of tourism.

This Council will:

1. Ask the Cabinet Member for Tourism Support to publish a report on the lessons learned from the EXPERIENCE project.
2. Ask the Leader of the Council to form a working party made up of local members from each district/borough, alongside partners, to begin discussions on what a Local Visitor Economy Partnership will look like for Norfolk and Suffolk.

12.9.2 The motion was put to a vote. With 17 votes for, 36 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **LOST** (Appendix H).

12.10 **Motion 8 – Norwich Western Link**

12.10.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Steve Morphew and seconded by Cllr Terry Jermy:

Council recognises that:

1. It is likely the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will call in the planning application for the Norwich Western Link because of its complexity, size, significance, potential impact beyond the immediate area and potential for national controversy as already evidenced.
2. A call in can come at any stage of the planning application process from validation until after a decision by Planning (Regulatory) Committee.
3. The longer a call in is delayed the longer a final outcome of the application will be delayed.

4. Council resources may be committed to a process locally that is overtaken by a call in leading to costs that could be avoided,
5. The longer the planning process is drawn out the more expensive any final NWL or alternative scheme is likely to be
6. Strongly and genuinely expressed political differences make it difficult to avoid public perception of predisposition or predetermination by members of the Planning Regulatory Committee that might lead to challenges that add more delay.

Council therefore resolves to request the Chief Executive Officer write to the Secretary of State to request the NWL planning application be called in as soon as possible in order to mitigate avoidable delays, reduce the risk of wasting money and inflating long term costs, in accordance with the criteria for call in as on the grounds that:

- a) the application could have significant effects beyond the immediate locality and
- b) will give rise to substantial cross-boundary or national controversy.

Council further requests the CEO to give consideration to the other grounds for the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to call in the planning application to ensure all potential grounds are included in order to avoid any delays in the process.

12.10.2 The motion was put to a vote. With 15 votes for, 36 votes against and 0 abstentions, the motion was **LOST** (Appendix I).

12.11 **Motion 9 – The Norwich to Tilbury Pylons**

12.11.1 The following motion was proposed by Cllr Catherine Rowett and seconded by Cllr Jamie Osborn:

National Grid have opened their statutory consultation concerning the plans for a line of giant pylons to transfer power from offshore windfarms to London, passing through Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. Residents in the areas affected are outraged by the fact that despite many submissions being made in response to the earlier consultations, there is little evidence that the considerations put by residents, councils, heritage and nature organisations and MPs have had any impact at all on the proposals, aside from the option to provide a short stretch of underground cabling at the river Waveney.

This Council notes that those affected by National Grid's proposed pylon line are disadvantaged by three things namely:

1. Central government's authoritarian approach to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which seeks to silence citizen democracy and bypass normal planning consent systems;
2. the fact that existing infrastructure taking the power to Norwich has already been installed, thereby anticipating a decision that is supposedly open now, but which looks to have been predetermined with no agreement from those now affected by the new pylons; and

3. the last-minute urgency of the project because wind farms have been being built ahead of the grid upgrade instead of the other way round, making the new infrastructure urgent when it should have been planned properly in a timely manner and with time to do the job properly.

This council therefore resolves to ask Cabinet to:

1. Work with Suffolk and Essex County Councils to make the case for a long term, future-proof offshore solution that would provide integrated connections to any additional windfarms, so as to avoid transferring power from offshore generation using any overland route across East Anglia.
2. Arrange a meeting between Council leaders/cabinet members and Central Government ministers to press for modifications to the National Infrastructure Planning Reforms, so that designers and planners need to include proper work with communities to find a mutually agreeable solution, with adequate buy-in from the public, rather than using top down imposition from central authorities.
3. Press for additional funding to be diverted to energy saving, including:
 - a) improving the housing stock,
 - b) better regulation to mandate higher energy saving standards and rooftop PV in new builds and in refurbishment/extensions to existing properties,
 - c) better public transport,
 - d) more local energy generation,
 - e) other community energy schemes that do not use the grid.

12.11.2 Cllr Keith Kiddie, seconded by Cllr Daniel Elmer, moved the following amendment to this motion:

National Grid have opened their statutory consultation concerning the plans for a line of giant pylons to transfer power from offshore windfarms to London, passing through Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. Residents in the areas affected are outraged by the fact that despite many submissions being made in response to the earlier consultations, there is little evidence that the considerations put by residents, councils, heritage, and nature organisations [the only improvements to the proposed route since the previous consultation in the summer of 2023 are:](#)

- [The proposed undergrounding \(2km\) of part of the route to the west of Diss under the River Waveney;](#)
- [A series of alignment changes, including at:](#)
 - a) [Norwich Main - to avoid a battery storage facility;](#)

- b) Between Swainsthorpe and Mulbarton – to avoid a solar farm and archaeological site; and
- c) Aslacton – to reduce effects on woodland.

~~and MPs have had any impact at all on the proposals, aside from the option to provide a short stretch of underground cabling at the river Waveney.~~

~~This Council notes that those affected by National Grid's proposed pylon line are disadvantaged by three things namely:~~

- ~~1. Central government's authoritarian approach to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which seeks to silence citizen democracy and bypass normal planning consent systems;~~
- ~~2. the fact that existing infrastructure taking the power to Norwich has already been installed, thereby anticipating a decision that is supposedly open now, but which looks to have been predetermined with no agreement from those now affected by the new pylons; and~~
- ~~3. the last minute urgency of the project because wind farms have been being built ahead of the grid upgrade instead of the other way round, making the new infrastructure urgent when it should have been planned properly in a timely manner and with time to do the job properly.~~

~~This council therefore resolves to ask Cabinet to:~~

- ~~1. Work with Suffolk and Essex County Councils to make the case for a long term, future-proof offshore solution that would provide integrated connections to any additional windfarms, so as to avoid transferring power from offshore generation using any overland route across East Anglia.~~
- ~~2. Arrange a meeting between Council leaders/cabinet members and Central Government ministers to press for modifications to the National Infrastructure Planning Reforms, so that designers and planners need to include proper work with communities to find a mutually agreeable solution, with adequate buy-in from the public, rather than using top-down imposition from central authorities.~~
- ~~3. Press for additional funding to be diverted to energy saving, including:~~
 - ~~a) improving the housing stock,~~
 - ~~b) better regulation to mandate higher energy saving standards and rooftop PV in new builds and in refurbishment/extensions to existing properties,~~
 - ~~c) better public transport,~~

~~d) more local energy generation,~~

~~e) other community energy schemes that do not use the grid.~~

The County Council continues to recognise the need to add capacity to the existing electricity transmission network and understands that the project would assist in meeting the UK's energy ambition of connecting 50GW of offshore wind by 2030; and meeting the Government's ambitious net zero target by 2050. Nevertheless, there are significant concerns that National Grid have not sufficiently addressed the alternative transmission options set out in the recent Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) Study which include offshore options and undergrounding options.

This County Council will continue to work with our neighbouring County Councils, as evidenced by the Independent Energy Review and Landscape Assessment work, and will continue to favour:

- a) An Offshore alternative; or
- b) Undergrounding the whole route where the feasibility of an offshore option is not deliverable.

This Council resolves to ask the Leader to write to National Grid asking to:

- a) reconsider the offshore option as the primary solution,
- b) in the alternative consider further undergrounding along the route, particularly in the Diss area, where a recent Landscape Assessment Study commissioned by Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils has identified the importance of the River Waveney and quality of the local landscape; and
- c) consider delivering power to Norfolk to support planned housing and employment growth,
- d) consider suitable compensation for those residents and business affected by any proposals during and as a consequence of any construction.

- 12.11.3 Cllr Catherine Rowett, the proposer of the original motion, did not accept the amendment.
- 12.11.4 The amendment was put to a vote. With 51 votes for, 2 votes against and 0 abstentions, the amendment was **CARRIED** (Appendix J).
- 12.11.5 The amended substantive motion was put to a vote. With 51 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention, the amended substantive motion was **CARRIED** (Appendix K).

13. Questions on notice under rule 9.3

13.1 No questions were received

The meeting concluded at 13:49

**Cllr Stuart Dark
Chair, Norfolk County Council**



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Norfolk County Council - Date: 7 May 2024

**RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 11.1.2 - Adult Social Services Promoting
Independence Five Year Strategy**

FOR		AGST	ABST	FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim				LONG		
X	ADAMS Tony			X	MACKIE		
X	ANNISON			X	MASON BILLIG		
	AQUARONE			X	MAXFIELD		
X	ASKEW				MORIARTY		
X	BAMBRIDGE			X	MORPHEW		
X	BENSLY			X	NEALE		
X	BILLS			X	NUNN		
X	BIRMINGHAM				OLIVER J		
X	BLUNDELL				OLIVER R		
X	BORRETT			X	OSBORN		
	BOWES			X	PECK		
X	BROCIEK-COULTON			X	PENFOLD		
X	CARPENTER G			X	PLANT		
X	CARPENTER P				PRICE B		
X	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH				PRICE R		
X	CLANCY			X	PROCTOR		
X	COLWELL			X	REILLY		
X	CONNOLLY			X	RICHMOND		
	CORLETT			X	RILEY		
X	CROFTS			X	ROPER		
X	DALBY			X	ROWETT		
X	DARK			X	RUMSBY		
X	DAWSON			X	SANDS		
X	DEWSBURY			X	SAVAGE		
X	DIXON			X	SAYERS		
X	DUIGAN			X	SHIRES		
X	EAGLE			X	SMITH		
X	ELMER			X	SMITH-CLARE		
X	FISHER			X	STONE		
X	FITZPATRICK			X	STOREY		
X	GRANT			X	THOMAS		
X	GURNEY			X	THOMSON		
	HEMPSALL			X	VARDY		
X	JAMES			X	VINCENT		
X	JAMIESON			X	WALKER		
X	JERMY				WARD		
X	JONES			X	WATKINS		
	KEMP				WEBB		
X	KIDDIE			X	WHITE		
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.1.2 – Conservative Group Motion - A New Dental School for Norfolk

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
X	ADAMS Tony			X	MACKIE			
X	ANNISON			X	MASON BILLIG			
	AQUARONE			X	MAXFIELD			
X	ASKEW				MORIARTY			
X	BAMBRIDGE			X	MORPHEW			
X	BENSLY			X	NEALE			
X	BILLS			X	NUNN			
X	BIRMINGHAM				OLIVER J			
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X	BORRETT			X	OSBORN			
	BOWES			X	PECK			
X	BROCIEK-COULTON			X	PENFOLD			
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	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH				PRICE R			
X	CLANCY			X	PROCTOR			
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	CORLETT			X	RILEY			
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X	DARK			X	RUMSBY			
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X	DEWSBURY			X	SAVAGE			
X	DIXON			X	SAYERS			
X	DUIGAN			X	SHIRES			
X	EAGLE			X	SMITH			
X	ELMER			X	SMITH-CLARE			
X	FISHER			X	STONE			
X	FITZPATRICK			X	STOREY			
X	GRANT			X	THOMAS			
X	GURNEY			X	THOMSON			
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**RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.2.4 – Lib Dem Group Motion – National Body
for SEND – Labour Group Amendment**

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony					MACKIE	X	
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD		X
	ASKEW	X				MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X				NEALE		X
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
X	BIRMINGHAM					OLIVER J		
	BLUNDELL	X				OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X				OSBORN		X
	BOWES					PECK		
X	BROCIEK-COULTON					PENFOLD	X	
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
	COLWELL	X			X	REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT					RILEY	X	
X	CROFTS					ROPER	X	
	DALBY	X				ROWETT		X
	DARK	X			X	RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X			X	SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
	DIXON	X				SAYERS	X	
	DUIGAN	X				SHIRES	X	
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
	ELMER	X				SMITH-CLARE		
	FISHER	X				STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY	X	
	GRANT	X				THOMAS	X	
	GURNEY	X				THOMSON	X	
	HEMPSALL					VARDY		
	JAMES	X				VINCENT	X	
	JAMIESON	X			X	WALKER		
X	JERMY					WARD		
X	JONES					WATKINS		X
	KEMP					WEBB		
	KIDDIE	X				WHITE	X	
	KIDDLE-MORRIS					WHYMARK	X	
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.2.5 – Lib Dem Group Motion – National Body for SEND

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony	X				MACKIE	X	
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD	X	
	ASKEW	X				MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X		X		NEALE		
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
X	BIRMINGHAM					OLIVER J		
X	BLUNDELL					OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X		X		OSBORN		
	BOWES					PECK	X	
X	BROCIEK-COULTON			X		PENFOLD		
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
X	COLWELL			X		REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT			X		RILEY		
X	CROFTS			X		ROPER		
	DALBY	X		X		ROWETT		
	DARK	X		X		RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X		X		SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
	DIXON	X		X		SAYERS		
	DUIGAN	X		X		SHIRES		
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
	ELMER	X		X		SMITH-CLARE		
	FISHER	X				STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY	X	
	GRANT	X				THOMAS	X	
	GURNEY	X				THOMSON	X	
	HEMPSALL					VARDY	X	
	JAMES	X				VINCENT	X	
	JAMIESON	X		X		WALKER		
X	JERMY					WARD		
X	JONES			X		WATKINS		
	KEMP					WEBB		
	KIDDIE	X				WHITE	X	
	KIDDLE-MORRIS					WHYMARK	X	
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.4.3 – Malnutrition: Time to Act – Labour Group Motion

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony	X				MACKIE		
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD		
	ASKEW					MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X		X		NEALE		
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
X	BIRMINGHAM					OLIVER J		
X	BLUNDELL					OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X				OSBORN		
	BOWES					PECK	X	
X	BROCIEK-COULTON					PENFOLD		
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
	COLWELL			X		REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT			X		RILEY		
X	CROFTS			X		ROPER		
	DALBY	X		X		ROWETT		
	DARK	X		X		RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X		X		SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
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	DUIGAN	X				SHIRES		
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
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	FISHER					STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY		
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	KIDDIE					WHITE	X	
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Norfolk County Council - Date: 7 May 2024

RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.5.2 – Green Group Motion – Proactive Safe Speeds Policy for Norfolk

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony	X				MACKIE		
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD		
	ASKEW					MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X				NEALE		
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
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X	BLUNDELL					OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X				OSBORN		
	BOWES					PECK	X	
X	BROCIEK-COULTON					PENFOLD		
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
	COLWELL					REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT				X	RILEY		
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	DALBY	X			X	ROWETT		
	DARK	X			X	RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X			X	SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
	DIXON				X	SAYERS		
	DUIGAN	X				SHIRES		
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
	ELMER	X			X	SMITH-CLARE		
	FISHER					STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY		
	GRANT					THOMAS		
	GURNEY	X				THOMSON	X	
	HEMPSALL					VARDY	X	
	JAMES	X				VINCENT	X	
	JAMIESON	X			X	WALKER		
X	JERMY					WARD		
X	JONES				X	WATKINS		
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	KIDDIE	X				WHITE	X	
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.8.2 – Conservative Group Motion – Armed Forces Recognition

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
X	ADAMS Tony					MACKIE		
X	ANNISON			X	MASON BILLIG			
	AQUARONE				MAXFIELD			
	ASKEW				MORIARTY			
X	BAMBRIDGE			X	MORPHEW			
X	BENSLY				NEALE			
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X	BIRMINGHAM				OLIVER J			
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X	BORRETT				OSBORN			
	BOWES			X	PECK			
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X	CLANCY			X	PROCTOR			
	COLWELL				REILLY			
X	CONNOLLY			X	RICHMOND			
	CORLETT			X	RILEY			
X	CROFTS			X	ROPER			
X	DALBY				ROWETT			X
X	DARK			X	RUMSBY			
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	DIXON			X	SAYERS			
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.9.2 – Lib Dem Group Motion – Experiential Tourism

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony	X				MACKIE		
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD		
	ASKEW					MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X		X		NEALE		
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
X	BIRMINGHAM					OLIVER J		
X	BLUNDELL					OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X				OSBORN		
	BOWES					PECK	X	
X	BROCIEK-COULTON					PENFOLD		
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
	COLWELL					REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT			X		RILEY		
X	CROFTS			X		ROPER		
	DALBY	X		X		ROWETT		
	DARK	X		X		RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X		X		SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
	DIXON			X		SAYERS		
	DUIGAN	X				SHIRES		
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
	ELMER	X		X		SMITH-CLARE		
	FISHER					STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY		
	GRANT					THOMAS		
	GURNEY	X				THOMSON		
	HEMPSALL					VARDY	X	
	JAMES	X				VINCENT	X	
	JAMIESON	X		X		WALKER		
X	JERMY					WARD		
X	JONES			X		WATKINS		
	KEMP					WEBB		
	KIDDIE	X				WHITE	X	
	KIDDLE-MORRIS					WHYMARK	X	
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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.10.2 – Labour Group Motion – Norwich Western Link

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
	ADAMS Tony	X				MACKIE		
	ANNISON	X				MASON BILLIG	X	
	AQUARONE					MAXFIELD		
	ASKEW					MORIARTY		
	BAMBRIDGE	X		X		MORPHEW		
	BENSLY	X				NEALE		
	BILLS	X				NUNN	X	
X	BIRMINGHAM					OLIVER J		
X	BLUNDELL					OLIVER R		
	BORRETT	X				OSBORN		
	BOWES					PECK	X	
X	BROCIEK-COULTON					PENFOLD		
	CARPENTER G	X				PLANT	X	
	CARPENTER P	X				PRICE B		
	CHENERY OF HORSBRUGH	X				PRICE R		
	CLANCY	X				PROCTOR	X	
	COLWELL					REILLY		
	CONNOLLY	X				RICHMOND	X	
	CORLETT				X	RILEY		
X	CROFTS				X	ROPER		
	DALBY	X				ROWETT		
	DARK	X			X	RUMSBY		
	DAWSON	X			X	SANDS		
	DEWSBURY	X				SAVAGE	X	
	DIXON				X	SAYERS		
	DUIGAN	X				SHIRES		
	EAGLE	X				SMITH	X	
	ELMER	X			X	SMITH-CLARE		
	FISHER					STONE	X	
	FITZPATRICK	X				STOREY		
	GRANT					THOMAS		
	GURNEY	X				THOMSON		
	HEMPSALL					VARDY	X	
	JAMES	X				VINCENT	X	
	JAMIESON	X			X	WALKER		
X	JERMY					WARD		
X	JONES				X	WATKINS		
	KEMP					WEBB		
	KIDDIE	X				WHITE	X	
	KIDDLE-MORRIS					WHYMARK	X	
	KIRK					WILBY		

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RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.11.4 – Green Group Motion – The Norwich to Tilbury Pylons – Conservative Amendment

FOR		AGST	ABST		FOR		AGST	ABST
	ADAMS Tim					LONG		
X	ADAMS Tony					MACKIE		
X	ANNISON			X	MASON BILLIG			
	AQUARONE				MAXFIELD			
	ASKEW				MORIARTY			
X	BAMBRIDGE			X	MORPHEW			
X	BENSLY				NEALE	X		
X	BILLS			X	NUNN			
X	BIRMINGHAM				OLIVER J			
X	BLUNDELL				OLIVER R			
X	BORRETT				OSBORN			
	BOWES			X	PECK			
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Norfolk County Council - Date: 7 May 2024

RECORDED VOTE – ITEM NUMBER: 12.11.5 – Green Group Motion – The Norwich to Tilbury Pylons

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30 May 2024

Mr Liam Walker
National Grid
Project Director
Norwich to Tilbury National Grid Electricity Transmission

Sent by email only:- liam.walker@nationalgrid.com; and contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com;

Dear Mr Walker

Full Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Motion on the Norwich to Tilbury Proposal

Following a meeting of the Full Council on 7 May 2024 I have been asked to write to you regarding the above electricity transmission proposal.

As you will be aware the County Council has raised a number of both strategic and detailed issues and concerns with yourselves to earlier rounds of consultation. We will of course be formally responding in detail to the current statutory consultation once this has been considered at the County Council's Planning and Highways Delegations Committee on 10 June 2024.

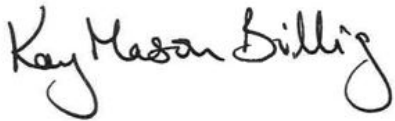
Ahead of those formal comments being sent to you; and as agreed at Full Council on 7 May, I would ask that National Grid:

- a) Reconsider the offshore option as the primary solution particularly in light of the recently published Report by the Electricity Systems Operator (ESO) (March 2024), which considered a number of different electricity network configuration options for transferring power across or around the region;
- b) In the alternative consider further undergrounding along the route, particularly in the Diss area, where a recent Landscape Assessment Study commissioned by Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils has identified the importance of the River Waveney and quality of the local landscape;
- c) Consider delivering power to Norfolk to support planned housing and employment growth. National Grid should engage with both Norfolk County Council and UK Power Networks as part of the above project to consider what opportunities there are to provide power to Norfolk; and what additional infrastructure may be needed to secure such benefits, and

- d) Consider suitable compensation for those residents and business affected by any proposals during and as a consequence of any construction.

My Officers will continue to work with National Grid on a without prejudice basis on the detailed technical aspects of the above proposal to ensure that all matters affecting the County Council in its statutory capacity are properly taken into account as part of the Development Consent Order process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kay Mason Billig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'K' and 'B'.

Cllr Kay Mason Billig
Leader of the Council